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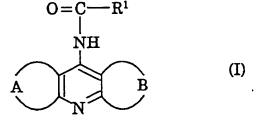
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- 4-Acylaminopyridine derivatives.
- (I) is disclosed.



The 4-acylaminopyridine derivative of the present invention is useful as a medicine for treating disturbances of memory such as senile dementia and Alzheimer's disease, since it has an action of directly activating

malfunctioned cholinergic neuron.

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#### 4-ACYLAMINOPYRIDINE DERIVATIVE

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:

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The present invention relates to a novel 4-acylaminopyridine derivative and a pharmaceutically acceptable acid-added salt thereof useful for activating a malfunctioned cholinergic neuron.

As a therapeutic treatment for various disturbances of memory such as Alzheimer's disease characterized by malfunction of a cholinergic neuron, has been made an attempt to increase the acetylcholine content in the brain by using an antiacetylcholinesterase. For example, investigation on the use of physostigmine is reported in Neurology, 8, 397(1978). Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (KOKAI) Nos. 61-148154(1986), 63-141980(1988), 63-225358(1988), 63-238063(1988), 63-239271(1988),63-284175(1988), 63-297367(1988), 64-73(1989) and 1-132566(1989), EP-A-268871 and International Publication of PCT 88/02256 report that a particular derivative of 9-aminotetrahydroacridine has an antiacetylcholinesterase activity and is therefore useful for treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

Summers reports in The New England Journal of Medicine, 315, 1241(1986) that 9-amino-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridine (tacrine) is effective for treatment of Alzheimer's disease when used together with lecithin. However, improvement is still insufficient and it produces undesirable side effects, and therefore, a new therapeutic treatment has been demanded.

As examples of the known 9-acylaminotetrahydroacridines, 9-acetylaminotetrahydroacridine is described in Journal of Chemical Society, 634(1947) and 9-chloroacetylammotetrahydroacridine and 9-diethylaminoacetylaminotetrahydroacridine are described in Chem. listy, 51, 1907(1957). 9-Diethylaminoacetylaminotetrahydroacridine is described to have a local anesthetic action. In Journal of Medicinal Chemistry, 18, 1056(1975), structure-activity correlation on antiacetylcholinesterase activity of 9-aminotetrahydroacridine derivatives and it is reported that the activity of 9-acetylaminotetrahydroacridine and 9-benzoylaminotetrahydroacridine is 1/1000 of the activity of 9-aminotetrahydroacridine. Some of Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (KOKAI) Nos. 63-166881(1988), 63-203664(1988), 63-238063(1988), 63-239271(1988), 63-284175(1988), 64-73(1989) and 1-132566(1989) claims a 9-acylaminotetrahydroacridine derivative, however, none of them disclose expressly the synthesis of nor a pharmaceutical activity of a compound having a 9-acylamino group.

The present inventors have made various and extensive studies so as to provide a medicine effective for treatment of senile dementia including Alzheimer's disease. As the result thereof, it has been found that a particular 4-acylaminopyridine derivative and a pharmaceutically acceptable acid-added salt thereof can improve disturbances of memory such as Alzheimer's disease by a mechanism different from that of a conventionally known compound having an antiacetylcholinesterase activity. The present invention has been accomplished based on this finding.

# SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:

The present invention provides a 4-acylaminopyridine derivative represented by the following formula (I):

$$O = C - R^{1}$$

$$NH$$

$$A$$

$$B$$

$$(I)$$

<sup>50</sup> wherein R¹ represents a C₂-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group or a group represented by the following formula (II):

$$-(CH_2)_{\overline{n}}-N$$
 $\stackrel{R^2}{\underset{R^3}{\overline{}}}$ 
 $(II)$ 

wherein each of R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl group or

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wherein each of R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group, or R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which both R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are attached represent

wherein R<sup>6</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group, and n represents 0 or an integer from 1 to 3;

$$\stackrel{35}{}$$
 A represents  $\stackrel{\frown}{}$  ,  $\stackrel{\frown}{}$  ,  $\stackrel{}{}$   $\stackrel{}{}$ 

wherein R7 represents a hydrogen atom, C1-C6 alkyl group or halogen atom,

wherein each of R8 and R9 independently represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C4 alkyl group,

$$\mathbb{S}$$
 ,  $\mathbb{R}^{10}$ 

wherein each of R¹0 and R¹1 independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl group,

or 
$$\stackrel{}{\underset{N}{\bigcap}}$$
; and  $\stackrel{}{\underset{B}{\bigcap}}$  represents  $\stackrel{}{\underset{R}{\bigcap}}$ ,  $\stackrel{}{\underset{R}{\bigcap}}$ 

wherein each of  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  independently represents a hydrogen atom or  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl group or  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  may be combined together to form a  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkylene group,

with the proviso that when  $R^1$  is a  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkyl group or a group represented by the formula (II) wherein one of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  is a hydrogen atom or  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl group and the other of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  is a hydrogen atom or  $-CH_2COOR^5$  wherein  $R^5$  is the same as defined above, or  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  together with the nitrogen atom to which both  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are attached represent

and n is 1 or 2,

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$$A$$
 is not  $R^7$ 

wherein R7 is the same as defined above, or is not

wherein R9 is the same as defined above, and

$$\mathbb{B}$$
 is not  $\mathbb{R}^{12}$ 

wherein R12 represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C4 alkyl group or is not



and a pharmaceutically acceptable acid-added salt thereof.

The present invention further provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a 4-acylaminopyridine derivative represented by the formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid-added salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant.

The present invention still further provides a process for producing a 4-acylaminopyridine derivative represented by the formula (I) and a pharmaceutically acceptable acid-added salt thereof.

### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION:

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The 4-acylaminopyridine derivative according to the present invention is represented by the formula (I) shown above.

In the formula (I), as examples of  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkyl group (alkyl group having 2 to 6 carbon atoms) represented by  $R^1$ , ethyl group, n-propyl group, isopropyl group, n-butyl group, sec-butyl group, tert-butyl group, n-pentyl group and n-hexyl group may be mentioned. Among these, a  $C_2$ - $C_4$  alkyl group is particularly preferable.

Examples of  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl group represented by each of  $R^2$  to  $R^7$  are methyl group, ethyl group, n-propyl group, isopropyl group, n-butyl group, sec-butyl group, tert-butyl group, n-pentyl group and n-hexyl group. Among these, a  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl group is preferable.

As C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl group represented by each of R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup>, cyclopropyl group, cyclobutyl group, cyclopentyl group and cyclohexyl group may be mentioned.

A halogen atom represented by R<sup>7</sup> is exemplified by fluorine atom, chlorine atom, bromine atom and iodine atom.

As examples of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group represented by each of R<sup>8</sup> to R<sup>13</sup>, methyl group, ethyl group, n-propyl group, isopropyl group, n-butyl group, sec-butyl group and tert-butyl group may be mentioned.

In the present invention, among the compounds represented by the formula (I), is preferred a compound wherein  $R^1$  represents a  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkyl group or a group represented by the following formula (II):

$$-(CH_2)_{\overline{n}}-N < R^2$$

$$R^3$$
(II)

wherein R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group, R<sup>3</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl group

wherein each of R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group, or R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which both R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are attached represent

wherein R<sup>6</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group, and n represents 0 or an integer from 1 to 3;



10 wherein R<sup>7</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, C₁-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group or halogen atom,

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wherein each of R8 and R9 independently represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C4 alkyl group, or

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wherein each of R10 and R11 independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C1-C4 alkyl group; and

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wherein each of  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  independently represents a hydrogen atom or  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl group or  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  may be combined together to form a  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkylene group, or



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More preferred is a compound wherein



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represents

$$\mathbb{R}^7$$
,  $\mathbb{R}^9$  or  $\mathbb{R}^{10}$ 

wherein R7 to R11 are the same as defined above.

The acid-added salt of the compound represented by the formula (I) is preferred to be pharmaceutically and physiologically acceptable. For example, inorganic acid-added salts such as hydrochloride, hydrobromide, hydroiodide, sulfate and phosphate, and organic acid-added salts such as oxalate, maleate, fumarate, lactate, malate, citrate, tartrate, benzoate, methanesulfonate and camphorsulfonate may be mentioned. The compound represented by the formula (I) and the acid-added salt thereof can be present in the form of hydrate or solvate. These hydrate and solvate are also included in the compound of the present invention.

A process for producing the compound of the present invention will now be explained.

The compound represented by the formula (I) is produced by, for example, any of the following processes (1) to (5).

# Process (1)

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In the above reaction scheme,

$$\stackrel{40}{\mathsf{A}}$$
 and  $\stackrel{\mathsf{B}}{\mathsf{B}}$ 

in the formulae (III) and (V) are the same as defined above, and  $R^{14}$  in the formulae (IV) and (V) represents a  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl group or  $C_3$ - $C_6$  cycloalkyl group. Through the process (1), the compound of the present invention represented by the formula (V) can be produced by reacting a primary aromatic amine of the formula (III) with an isocyanate compound of the formula (IV).

As the reaction solvent, a halogen solvent such as dichloromethane, 1,2-dichloroethane and 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane or an inert polar solvent such as tetrahydrofuran, dioxane, acetonitrile, dimethylformamide, dimethyl sulfoxide and N-methylpyrrolidone may be preferably used.

The reaction may be carried out at a temperature from 0 to 120°C, preferably 20 to 80°C.

Process (2)

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$$\begin{array}{c}
 & O = C - N \\
 & R^{2} \\
 & R^{3}
\end{array}$$
(VII) or acetate thereof
(I<sub>1</sub>)

In the above reaction scheme,

A and E

in the formulae (III), (VI) and ( $I_1$ ) and  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  in the formulae (VII) and ( $I_1$ ) are the same as defined above. Through the process (2), the compound of the present invention represented by the formula ( $I_1$ ) can be produced by reacting a compound of the formula (III) with excess trichloroacetyl chloride (reaction (a)) to obtain and isolate a trichloroacetamide compound of the formula (VI), and then reacting the compound of the formula (VI) with an amine of the formula (VII) or acetate thereof (reaction (b)).

The reaction (a) is carried out by using trichloroacetyl chloride also as the solvent at a temperature from 80 to 115°C, preferably from 100 to 115°C.

The reaction (b) is carried out preferably in an inert solvent such as tetrahydrofuran, dioxane, acetonitrile, dimethylformamide, dimethyl sulfoxide, N-methylpyrrolidone, etc. The reaction temperature is from 0 to 100°C, preferably from 0 to 50°C when the amine is used, and from 50 to 160°C, preferably from 100 to 150°C when the acetate of the amine is used.

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# Process (3)

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In the above reaction scheme,

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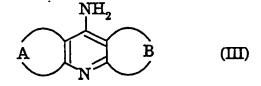
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in the formulae (III) and (I<sub>1</sub>), and R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> in the formulae (VII) and (I<sub>1</sub>) are the same as defined above. Through the process (3), the compound of the present invention represented by the formula (I<sub>1</sub>) can be produces. More in detail, the compound of the formula (III) is dissolved in an inert solvent such as methylene chloride, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane, benzene, toluene, xylene, tetrahydrofuran and dioxane, then, a phosgene compound such as ditrichloromethyl carbonate, phosgene and trichloromethyl chloroformate is added to the solution, followed by the addition of a tertiary amine such as triethylamine. The thus obtained solution is added dropwise to a solvent containing the amine represented by the formula (VII) to give the compound represented by the formula (I<sub>1</sub>). As the solvent for dissolving the amine represented by the formula (VIII), tetrahydrofuran, dioxane, acetonitrile and alcohols are preferable, and it is possible to use a mixed solvent of water with at least one of the above-described solvents, if necessary.

In the above reaction (c), the addition of the phosgene compound and the addition of the tertiary amine are carried out at a temperature from -10 to 50°C, preferably from 0 to 30°C. The reaction with the amine represented by the formula (VII) is carried out at a temperature from -20 to 30°C, preferably from -10 to 20°C.

### Process (4)

(1) By reacting the compound represented by the formula (III):



wherein

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have the same meanings as defined in the above formula (I), with a reactive derivative of the compound represented by the formula (VIII):

wherein R15 represents a C2-C6 alkyl group, the compound represented by the formula (I2) of the present invention can be obtained.

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$$O = C - R^{15}$$

$$NH$$

$$(I_2)$$

wherein 20

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and R15 have the same meanigs as defined above.

Examples of the reactive derivatives of the compound of the formula (VIII) are preferably symmetric acid anhydrides or acid halides, particularly acid chloride. The reaction is carried out in the presence of of an inert solvent such as benzene, toluene, xylene, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane, etc., or by using excessive amounts of symmetric acid anhydrides or acid halides as a solvent. When the symmetric acid anhydrides are used, a tertiary amine such as pyridine may be preferably used. The reaction is carried out at a temperature in the range of 30 to 150°C, preferably 50 to 120°C.

(2) After processing the compound represented by the above formula (III) with an equimolar amount or more of sodium hydride to prepare a sodium salt, reacting it with an ester compound represented by the formula (IX):

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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
R^{16} & C & C & R^{17} \\
\parallel & & & & \\
O & & & & \\
\end{array}$$
(IX)

wherein R16 represents

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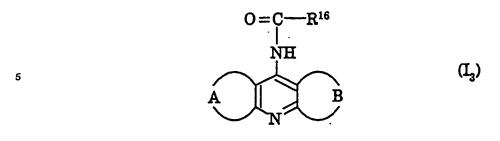
$$\begin{array}{c}
O \\
N + CH_2 \\
\end{array}$$

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(wherein t represents an integer from 1 to 3),

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and R17 represents a methyl group or an ethyl group, to obtain the compound represented by the formula (I<sub>3</sub>):



10 wherein

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and R16 have the same meanigs as defined above.

As the solvent, preferred are tetrahydrofuran, dioxane, acetonitrile, dimethylformamide, N-methylpyrrolidone, dimethylsulfoxide, etc. The reaction is carried out at a temperature in the range of 10 to 80°C, preferably 30 to 60°C.

(3)  $X \\ (CH_2)_{\iota}$  C = O  $NH_2 \qquad X - (CH_2)_{\iota} - CO - X$   $X \\ (CH_2)_{\iota}$   $X - (CH_2)_{\iota} - CO - X$   $X - (CH_2)_{\iota}$ 

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$$H_2N-R^{18}$$
 (XII)

or alkali metal salt of

 $H-R^{19}$  (XIII)

(b)

(I)

wherein X represents a chlorine atom or a bromine atom;

1, 2 or 3;

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have the same meanings as defined in the formula (I);  $R^{18}$  in the formula (XII) represents a  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl group or

(wherein  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  have the same meanings as defined in the formula (I);  $R^{19}$  in the formula (XIII) represents

-N

By the above two steps of the reaction formulae, the compound of the formula ( $I_4$ ) or ( $I_5$ ) can be synthesized.

 $O = C - (CH_2)_{L} - NHR^{18}$  NH  $A \qquad B$   $O = C - (CH_2)_{L} - NHR^{18}$   $O = C - (CH_2)_{L} - NHR^{18}$   $O = C - (CH_2)_{L} - NHR^{18}$ 

$$O = C - (CH_2)_{\iota} - R^{19}$$

$$NH$$

$$A \longrightarrow B$$

$$(I_5)$$

In the above formulae (I<sub>4</sub>) and (I<sub>5</sub>),

A, B,

R<sup>18</sup>, R<sup>19</sup> and

the same meanings as defined above.

That is, an acyl halide compound of the formula (XI) is reacted with the compound of the formula (III) to obtain the compound of the formula (XI) [step (a)]. Then, to the compound of the formula (XII) the compound of the formula (XIII) is reacted, or else a compound which is a sodium salt obtained by treating the compound of the formula (XIII) with sodium hydride [step (b)], the corresponding compound (I) can be obtained.

The step (a) is carried out by using an excessive amount of acyl halide also as the solvent, or by using an inert solvent such as benzene, toluene, xylene, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane, etc., at a temperature in the range of 50 to 150°C, preferably 70 to 120°C.

The step (b) is carried out by using an excessive amount of amine also as the solvent, or by using an alcoholic solvent such as methanol, ethanol, n-propanol, isopropanol, n-butanol, etc., or a solvent such as tetrahydrofuran, dioxane, acetonitrile, dimethylformamide, dimethylsulfoxide, etc., at a temperature in the range of 0 to 150 °C, preferably 20 to 100 °C. When the sodium salt of the compound of the formula (XIII) is reacted, the reaction is carried out by using a solvent such as tetrahydrofuran, dioxane, acetonitrile, dimethylformamide, dimethylsulfoxide, etc., at a temperature in the range of 0 to 120 °C, preferably 20 to 80 °C.

# Process (5)

The compound where R<sup>1</sup> is a group represented by the formula (II) and R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which both R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are attached represent

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wherein  $R^6$  is the same as defined above, i.e. the compound represented by the formula ( $I_6$ ), can be produced according to the following reaction scheme.

$$O = C + CH_2)_n - NH - CH - CO_2R^{20} \qquad O = C + CH_2)_n - NH$$

$$R^6 \qquad NH \qquad R^6 \qquad NH \qquad R^6 \qquad O$$

$$(XIV) \qquad (I_6)$$

wherein

A, B

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and  $\mathsf{R}^6$  are the same as defined above and  $\mathsf{R}^{20}$  represents a  $C_1\text{-}C_4$  alkyl group.

In more detail, the compound of the formula ( $I_6$ ) can be obtained by heating the compound of the formula (XIV) together with 1 to 10 equivalents of urea in the presence or absence of a solvent.

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The compound of the formula (XIV), the starting material, can be obtained by the process described in process (4).

As the solvent for producing the compound of the formula (I<sub>6</sub>), an inert polar solvent such as dimethyl sulfoxide, dimethylformamide, dimethylacetamide and N-methylpyrrolidone is preferred.

The reaction temperature is from 120 to 190°C, preferably from 140 to 170°C.

The starting compound represented by the formula (III) can be easily synthesized by, for example, the methods described in (a) Tetrahedron Letters, 1277(1963), (b) Collect. Czech. Chem. Commun., 42, 2802-(1977), and (c) Acta Chemica Scandinavica, B, 33, 313(1979) and similar methods thereto.

It is also possible to synthesize the starting compound (III) in accordance with the methods described in Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (KOKAI) Nos. 61-148154(1986), 63-141980(1988), 63-166881(1988), 63-203664(1988), 63-225358(1988), 63-238063(1988), 63-239271(1988), 63-297367(1988), 64-73(1989), 1-132566(1989) and EP-A-268871.

The acid-added salt of the compound represented by the formula (I) can be easily obtained by a known method to prepare an acid-added salt of a quinoline or pyridine based compound.

Some of the starting compound represented by the formula (III) for producing the compound of the present invention, which were produced according to the methods described in the above references are shown in Table 1 below.

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# Table 1

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	Compound	$\widehat{}$		Melting Point
15	No.	A	<u></u>	(°C)
20 25	1		CH <sub>3</sub>	199 ~ 200
30	2		<b>\</b>	162 ~ 163
35	3		$\langle \rangle$	203 ~ 204
40	4	\( \sigma \)	$\Diamond$	141 ~ 143
50	5	S_		201 ~ 204

	Compound			Melting Point
5	No.	A	J.	(°C)
10	6	s_	CH <sub>3</sub>	206 ~ 207
20	7	CH <sub>3</sub>		156 ~ 158
25	8	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \rangle$	213 ~ 214
35	9	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \rangle$	238 ~ 242
45	10			138 ~ 139

The compound of the present invention is used as a therapeutic medicine by administrating it singly or in the form of a mixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. The composition is determined based on the solubility and property of the compound to be used as the active ingredient, the administration route and dosage regimen. For example, the compound of the present invention may be orally administered in the form of granule, subtilized granule, powder, tablet, hard capsule, soft capsule, syrup, emulsion, suspension and solution. The compound of the present invention may be also administered intravenously, intramuscularly or subcutaneously by injection. The compound of the present invention may be prepared to an injectable powder and injected alter dissolving or suspending in an appropriate solvent when used.

It is possible to use an organic or inorganic, solid or liquid carrier or diluent, which is suitable for oral,

intestinal, parenteral or local administration, together with the compound of the present invention. As a vehicle for a solid preparation, lactose, sucrose, starch, talc, cellulose, dextrin, kaolin and calcium carbonate are usable. A liquid preparation for oral administration, i.e. emulsion, syrup, suspension, solution, etc., contains a usual diluent such as water, vegetable oil, etc. The liquid preparation can contain an auxiliary such as a humectant, suspending agent, sweetening agent, aromatic, coloring agent, preservative etc. in addition to the inert diluent. The liquid preparation may be encapsulated in an absorbable wall substance such as gelatin. As a solvent or a suspending agent used for preparing a parenteral preparation such as an injection preparation, water, propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, benzyl alcohol, ethyl oleate and lecithin may be mentioned. The preparation may be carried out by an ordinary method.

The daily clinical dosage of the compound of the present invention in oral administration is usually 1 to 1000mg, preferably 1 to 100mg for an adult. It is preferable to appropriately increase or decrease the dose depending upon the age of patient, condition of disease, condition of patient, and whether or not another medicine is administered. The daily dose of the compound of the present invention may be administered at once, or in two or three portions with appropriate interval. Intermittent administration thereof is also applicable.

The daily dosage of the compound of the present invention in injection is 0.1 to 100mg, preferably 0.1 to 50mg for an adult.

Although the antiacetylcholinesterase activity of the compound represented by the formula (I) is 1/100 of that of known 9-aminotetrahydroacridine, the compound of the present invention can reactivate the presynaptic site of the cholinergic neuron to enhance the neurotransmission. More precisely, the compound of the present invention improves the reduced high-affinity choline-uptake in the hippocampak synaptosome of a rat treated with AF64A (ethylcholine aziridinium ion; J.Pharmacol. Exp. Ther., 222, 140(1982) and Neuropharmacol., 26, 361(1982)) intra-cerebroventricularly (Test Example 1 below). This kind of action is not observed in 9-aminotetrahydroacridine.

Further, the compound of the present invention is very low in toxicity and scarcely produces side effect in comparison with 9-aminotetrahydroacridine, and therefore, the compound of the present invention can be a useful medicine for treating disturbances of memory such as Alzheimer's disease.

The compound of the present invention represented by the formula (I) is a pharmaceutically active and valuable compound. Especially, the compound of the present invention is useful as a medicine for treating disturbances of memory such as senile dementia and Alzheimer's disease, since it has an action on the activating malfunctioned cholinergic neuron.

In senile dementia, in particular, Alzheimer's disease, the function of the cholinergic neuron in the brain is decreased, and it is recognized that there is a good correlation between the deficit in the cholinergic neuron and the degree of disturbances in memory.

As reported by Fisher (J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther., 222, 140(1982)) and Leventer (Neuropharmacol, 26, 361(1987)), AF64A causes long-term malfunction selectively on cholinergic neuron, and disturbance of memory and learning is observed in a rat to which AF64A is administered. Such a rat is used as a good model of Alzheimer's disease. Therefore, from the above pharmacological results, the compound of the present invention is considered to be useful for treating senile dementia including Alzhimer's disease.

#### **EXAMPLES:**

The present invention will be explained in more detail with reference to the following examples, but it is to be understood that the present invention is not restricted to the following examples and any modification is possible within the scope of the present invention.

## Example 1:

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Synthesis of N-(3-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrothieno[2,3-b]quinolin-4-yl)butanamide

To 4.37g of 4-amino-3-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrothieno[2,3-b]quinoline, were added 8 ml of pyridine and 12.7g of n-butyric anhydride and the mixture was refluxed for 13 hours. The reaction mixture was evaporated to dryness under a reduced pressure, and dissolved in 170ml of methanol and 40ml of ethanol. To the solution, was added 70ml of concentrated ammonia water and the reaction was carried out at 65 °C for 1.5 hours.

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The solvent was evaporated under a reduced pressure and 100ml of chloroform, 100ml of water and 5ml of concentrated ammonia water were added, followed by stirring. The chloroform layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate.

The chloroform solution was evaporated. The obtained product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (chloroform-methanol) and was recrystallized from chloroform-diethyl ether to obtain 5.11g of the titled compound having the melting point of 200 to 202 °C.

# Examples 2 to 13:

Each of the compounds listed in Table 2 was synthesized in the same manner as in Example 1.

# Table 2

5 O=C-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>

15	Example			Melting Point
20	No.	A	J.	(°C)
25	2		$\langle \  \  \rangle$	201 ~ 203
30	3			192 ~ 194
35 40	4		CH <sub>3</sub>	183 ~ 184
45	5			175 ~ 176

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	Example			Melting Point
5	No.	A.		(°C)
10	6	s_		168 ~ 170
20	7	s_	CH <sub>3</sub>	164 ~ 165
25	8	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\Diamond$	205 ~ 206
30 35	9	\s\	$\langle \rangle$	188 ~ 190
<b>40</b> <b>45</b>	10	CH <sub>3</sub>		204 ~ 206

	Example			Melting Point
5	No.	A	<u></u>	(°C)
10	11		$\Diamond$	88 ~ 91
15		ÇH₃		
20	12	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\Diamond$	193 ~ 194
25		CH₃		
30	13	CH3 — O—		159 ~ 161

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#### Example 14:

40 Synthesis of N-(2,3-dimethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrofuro[2,3-b]quinolin-4-yl)isobutanamide

The titled compound having the melting point of 245 to 246 °C was obtained in the same way as in Example 10 except for using isobutyric anhydride in place of n-butyric anhydride.

#### Example 15:

Synthesis of 2-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)-N-(3-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrothieno[2,3-b]quinolin-4-yl)acetamide

Into a suspension of 1.26g of sodium hydride (60% content) in 15ml of N-methylpyrrolidone, was added 3.28g of 4-amino-3-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrothieno[2,3-b]quinoline at room temperature. The mixture was heated to 50°C and stirred for 40 minutes. Thereafter, 4.72g of methyl 2-oxo-1-pyrrolidine acetate was added dropwise to the mixture at 50°C over a period of 30 minutes. After the stirring at 50°C for 20 minutes, the mixture was cooled to 15°C and poured into 130ml aqueous solution containing 13.5g of ammonium chloride.

After extraction of the solution with 100ml of chloroform, the extract was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, followed by evaporation to dryness. The resultant product was added with ethyl acetate, pulverized

and filtered. The crude crystals were recrystallized from chloroform-ethyl acetate to obtain 4.31g of the titled compound having the melting point of 244 to 246 °C.

# 5 Examples 16 to 29:

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Each of the compounds listed in Table 3 was synthesized in the same way as in Example 15.

## Table 3

0=C-C NH

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25	Example			Melting Point
	No.	A	$\mathcal{J}$	(°C)
30	16			217 ~ 220
40	17			222 ~ 225
45	18	$\Diamond$	$\bigcirc$	244 ~ 246
50	19		CH <sub>3</sub>	203 ~ 204

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	Example			Melting Point
5	No.	A	<u></u>	(°C)
10	20			192 ~ 194
15 20	21	s_		168 ~ 170
25	22	S-	CH <sub>3</sub>	161 ~ 163 hydrochloride
30 35	23	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \rangle$	216 ~ 218
40 45	24	S\	$\langle \rangle$	210 ~ 212

	Example	$\bigcirc$		Melting Point
5	No.	A	<u></u>	(°C)
10	25	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \rangle$	213 ~ 215
20	26		$\Diamond$	<sub>.</sub> 189 ~ 191
25	27	N		193 ~ 195
35	28	CH <sub>3</sub>		216 ~ 217
40 45	29	CH <sub>3</sub>		159 ~ 161

Example 30:

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A mixture of 8.17g of 4-amino-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrothieno[2,3-b]quinoline and 90ml of trichloroacetyl chloride was refluxed for 4 hours. The mixture was cooled to 25 °C and 30ml of 1,2-dichloroethane was

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added thereto. The crystals were filtered out and washed with 1,2-dichloroethane.

The suspension of the crystals in 200ml of chloroform and 120ml of water was added with 5ml of concentrated ammonia water. After the chloroform layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, it was purified by silica gel column chromatography (chloroform). By recrystallization from chloroform-n-heptane, 11.84g of N-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydrothieno[2,3-b]quinolin-4-yl)trichloroacetamide having the melting point of 176 to 178° C was obtained.

In 20ml of N-methylpyrrolidone, was dissolved 3.5g of the obtained compound. After adding 6.2g of ammonium acetate to the solution, the reaction was carried out at 150 °C for 30 minutes. After cooled to 30 °C, the reaction mixture was added with 100ml of water and 50ml of chloroform, followed by stirring. The pH of the aqueous layer of the mixture was adjusted to 10 with concentrated ammonia water.

The insoluble matters were collected by filtration and washed with chloroform and water, followed by recrystallization from ethanol-1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane-ethyl acetate to obtain 0.73g of the titled compound having the melting point of 260 to 262 °C.

# Example 31:

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Synthesis of N-methyl-N'-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydrothieno[2,3-b]quinolin-4-yl)urea

In 120ml of 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane, was dissolved 2.45g of 4-amino-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrothieno[2,3-b]-quinoline, and 1.78g of ditrichloromethyl carbonate was added to the solution at a temperature from 20 to 30 °C.

After adding 6.7g of triethylamine at a temperature from 20 to 30°C, the mixture was stirred for one hour at room temperature.

Separately, 70ml of 40% methanol solution of methylamine was cooled at -10° C. The reaction mixture was added dropwise to the methanol solution at 0° C and heated to 30° C in one hour.

Then, 150ml of water and 120ml of chloroform were added to the mixture and the insoluble matters were filtered out, followed by recrystallization from methanol-chloroform to obtain 2.49g of the titled compound having the melting point of 253 to 255 °C.

#### Examples 32 to 37;

35 Compounds shown in Table 4 were synthesized in the same way as in Example 31.

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# Table 4

 $0 = C - N R^{2}$  NH 10

15	Example	Ā		R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	Melting Point
20	No.		<u></u>			(°C)
 25	32	CH <sub>3</sub>		Н	Н	216 ~ 218
30	33	C.L	$\langle \rangle$	H	н	220 ~ 235 Decomposed
40	34	cl	$\langle \rangle$	CH <sub>3</sub>	СН <sub>З</sub>	211 ~ 216
<b>4</b> 5	35	S_	$\bigcirc$	CH3	CH3	215 ~ 218

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5	Example	A		R <sup>2</sup>	R3	Melting Point
10	36	S_	$\Diamond$	Н	$\prec$	248 ~ 250
15 20	37	CH <sub>3</sub>		Н	H	292 ~ 294

## Example 38:

30 Synthesis of N-[(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)aminocarbonylmethyl]-L-alanine ethyl ester

To 5g of 9-chloroacetylamino-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridine, was added 22g of L-alanine ethyl ester and the reaction was continued for 30 minutes at 100°C. After cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was added with 100ml of chloroform and 100ml of water and stirred. The chloroform layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and purified by silica gel column chromatography (chloroform-methanol), followed by recrystallization from chloroform-n-hexane to obtain 5.9g of the titled compound having the melting point of 101 to 102°C.

## <sub>40</sub> Example 39:

Synthesis of N-[(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)aminocarbonylmethyl]-L-alanine

Into 12ml of 1N aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide, was added 2g of the compound obtained in Example 38 at room temperature, and the reaction was continued for 2 hours. To the reaction mixture, was added 15ml of 1N hydrochloric acid at a temperature not higher than 15°C to precipitate white crystals. The crystals were collected by filtration, washed with water and dried to obtain 1.42g of the titled compound having the melting point of 238 to 242°C (decomposed).

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# Examples 40 to 42:

Compounds shown in Table 5 were synthesized in the same way as in Example 38 or 39.

## Table 5

$$0 = C - CH_2 - N < R^2$$
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15	Example No.	( <sub>A</sub> )	(B)	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	Melting Point (°C)
20	40		$\langle \rangle$		-CH-CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> -CH	139 ~ 140
30 35	41		$\langle \rangle$	Н	-CH-CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>   CH CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> S-isomer	127 ~ 130
40	42		$\Diamond$	Н	-CH-COOH CH CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> S-isomer	223 ~ 226 Decomposed

## Reference Example 1:

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Synthesis of 2-chloro-N-(3-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrothieno[2,3-b]quinolin-4-yl)acetamide

To 12.7g of 4-amino-3-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrothieno[2,3-b]quinoline, was added 40ml of chloroacetyl chloride, and the mixture was refluxed for 40 minutes. The oil bath was removed and the reaction mixture was added with 50ml of 1,2-dichloroethane and cooled to 25 °C. The precipitated crystals were collected by filtration and washed with 1,2-dichloroethane. The crystals were suspended in a mixed solvent of 250ml of chloroform, 55ml of water and 60ml of ethanol, and 4.3ml of concentrated ammonia water was added thereto. The suspension was heated to 40 °C to dissolve substantially all the crystals.

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The chloroform layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated to a volume of about 100ml. The chloroform solution was added with 40ml of n-heptane and cooled, followed by filtration to obtain 8.2g of the titled compound having the melting point of 233 to 236°C.

## Example 43:

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Synthesis of 2-cyclopropylamino-N-(3-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrothieno[2,3-b]quinolin-4-yl)acetamide

To 12ml of t-butanol and 25ml of dimethylformamide, was added 2.1g of the compound obtained in Reference Example 1. Then, 9ml of cyclopropylamine was added and the reaction was carried out at 100° C for 30 minutes.

The reaction mixture was evaporated to dryness under a reduced pressure, then, 100ml of chloroform, 30ml of water and 5ml of concentrated ammonia water were added, followed by stirring. The chloroform layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and purified by silica gel column chromatography (chloroform-methanol), followed by recrystallization from ethyl acetate to obtain 1.52g of titled compound having the melting point of 141 to 144°C.

## Examples 44 to 52:

Compounds shown in Table 6 were synthesized in the same way as in Example 43.

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# Table 6

5	O=C-CH <sub>2</sub> -N-C
	NH
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15	Example				Melting Point
20	No.	À	<b></b>	©	(°C)
25	44	CH <sub>3</sub>		-CH-CO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>   CH <sub>3</sub> S-isomer	Amorphous solid
35	45	$\Diamond$		-CH <sub>3</sub>	142 <sup>.</sup> ~ 145
40	46			-CH-CO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>   CH <sub>3</sub> S-isomer	110 ~ 111
<b>4</b> 5	47	S_	$\bigcirc$	-СН3	146 ~ 149

	Example				Melting Point
5	No.	À	<u></u>	· ©	(℃)
10	48	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\Diamond$	-СН3	141 ~ 143
20	49	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \rangle$	-СH <sub>2</sub> -СО <sub>2</sub> СН <sub>3</sub>	147 ~ 149
30	50	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \rangle$	-СH <sub>2</sub> -СО <sub>2</sub> Н	221 ~ 230 (Decomposed)
40 45	51	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\Diamond$	-CH-CO <sub>2</sub> H   CH <sub>3</sub> S-isomer	245 ~ 250

	, Example	()	(		Melting Point
5	No.	A .	<b>J</b>	· ©	(°C)
10	52	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\Diamond$	-CH-CO <sub>2</sub> H CH CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> S-isomer	218 ~ 222

## Example 53:

Synthesis of 2-((S)-5-methyl-2,4-dioxoimidazolidin-1-yl)-N-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridin-9-yl)acetamide

In 9ml of N-methylpyrrolidone, was dissolved 3.9g of the compound obtained in Example 38, and 2.64g of urea was further added thereto. The reaction was carried out at 160 °C for one hour. The reaction mixture was cooled at 80 °C and 100ml of water was added. The precipitated crystals were collected by filtration and dissolved in a mixture of 5 ml of methanol and 150ml of chloroform. The solution was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated to dryness. The obtained product was recrystallized from ethanolethyl acetate to obtain 2.44g of the titled compound having the melting point of 260 to 263 °C.

### <sub>35</sub> Examples 54 to 60:

Compounds shown in Table 7 were synthesized in the same way as in Example 53.

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# Table 7

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O=C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N NH R<sup>6</sup>

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	Example				Melting Point
20	No.	A	<u></u>	R <sup>6</sup>	(°C)
25	54		$\langle \rangle$	н	280 ~ 287 Decomposed
30 35	55		$\langle \rangle$	-CH CH <sub>3</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub> S-isomer	219 ~ 223
40	56		CH <sub>3</sub>	н	279 ~ 283 Decomposed
<b>4</b> 5	57	F	$\Diamond$	н	285 ~ 295 Decomposed Hydrochloride

	Example				Melting Point
5	No.	A	<u></u>	R6	(°C)
10	58	F	$\Diamond$	Н	261 ~ 263
20	59		$\bigcirc$	Н	298 ~ 301
25 30	60	√ <sub>s</sub> /	CH₃	н	270 ~ 274

### Example 61:

Synthesis of2-((S)-5-methyl-2,4-dioxoimidazolidin-1-yl)-N-(3-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrothieno[2,3-b]quinolin-4-yl)acetamide

In 8ml of N-methylpyrrolidone, was dissolved 2.5g of the compound obtained in Example 44, and 8g of urea was further added. The reaction was continued at 160 °C for 40 minutes. The reaction mixture was cooled to 80 °C and further cooled to 25 °C after addition of 90ml of water. The precipitated crystals were collected by filtration and recrystallized from methanol-water to obtain 0.84g of the titled compound having the melting point of 273 to 277 °C.

# Examples 62 to 65:

Compound shown in Table 8 were synthesized in the same way as in Example 61.

Compounds shown in Table 9 and Table 10 can be synthesized in the same way as described in Examples above.

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## Table 8

Example .	A	$\bigcap_{i=1}^{n}$		Melting Point
No.	٦	<u>ځ</u>		(°C)
			-N NH	·
62			CH <sub>3</sub>	197 ~ 198
	ÇH₃		0	•
63	CH3 O-	$\bigcirc$	-N NH	242 ~ 245
64	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\bigcirc$	CH <sub>3</sub>	274 ~ 281
	No. 62	62 CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	62 CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub></sub>	62 CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub></sub>

5	Example	A	æ)	0	Melting Point
	No.		)	_	(℃)
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15	65	CH <sub>3</sub>		CH <sub>3</sub> -CH O	158 ~ 160
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## Table 9

O=C-R<sup>1</sup>
NH
NH

15	Compound			
20	No.	A		R <sup>1</sup>
25	66		$\bigcirc$	-CH CH <sub>3</sub>
30	67	,	$\langle \rangle$	−С <sub>З</sub> Н <sub>7</sub>
35	68		C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	-С <sub>3</sub> н <sub>7</sub>
<b>4</b> 5	69			-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>

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5	Compound	A		R <sup>1</sup>
10	70		<b>→</b>	-C3H7
15	71			-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>
25	72			-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>
35	73	S_		-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>
40	74	s_		-сн < <sup>СН<sub>3</sub></sup>
45 50	75	S_		-C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>

5	Compound No.	A		R <sup>1</sup>
10	76	s_		-СН <sub>2</sub> -СН-СН <sub>3</sub>   СН <sub>3</sub>
15	77	s_	$\langle \  \  \rangle$	-CH-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>       CH <sub>3</sub>
25	78	s_	$\langle \  \  \rangle$	-C (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>
30	79			-СзH7
35 40	80	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\bigcirc$	<b>−</b> C3H7
<b>4</b> 5	81	CH <sub>3</sub>		−C3H7

5	Compound	A	B	R <sup>1</sup>
10	82	CH <sub>3</sub>		-Сзн7
20	83	CH <sub>3</sub>		-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>
25 30	84	s		-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>
35	85	\( \s^{\s} \)		-С <sub>3</sub> Н <sub>7</sub>
40 45	86	CH₃ O—		−C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>

5	Compound	A	B	R1
10	87	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\bigcirc$	-С <sub>3</sub> Н <sub>7</sub>
20	. 88	CH <sub>3</sub>		C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>
30	89	- S	$\bigcirc$	−C3H7
35 40	90	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	$\bigcirc$	-С <sub>3</sub> н <sub>7</sub>

5	Compound	A	B	R <sup>1</sup>
10	91	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	$\bigcirc$	-С <sub>3</sub> Н7
20	92	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	$\langle \rangle$	-C3H7
25 30	93	, N		-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>
35	94			-C3H7
40 45	95			-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>

## Table 10

 $0 = C - (CH_2) \cdot n \cdot N \cdot R^2$ NH
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NH
NH

15	Compound	A		R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	n
20	No.					
25	96	s	$\langle \rangle$	н	-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	0
30	97	\[ \s^{\sigma} \]	$\langle \rangle$	н	-Сзн <del>7</del>	0
35	98		$\langle \rangle$	н	-сн < СН <sub>3</sub>	0
40 45	99	[s/	$\langle \rangle$	н	-C4H9	0

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·	Compound	A	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	n
5	No.		<u>ح</u>	Κ-	K*	11
10	100	√ s	$\bigcirc$	н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH CH <sub>3</sub>	0
15 20	101	√ <sub>s</sub> ∕	$\langle \rangle$	Н	-СН-С2Н5   СН3	0
25	102	√ <sub>s</sub> ∕	$\langle \rangle$	Н	$\rightarrow$	0
30	103	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \ \rangle$	Н	Н	0
35	104	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \ \rangle$	-СН3	-СН3	0
45	105	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \rangle$	н	Н	0

 5	Compound	A	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	n
10	106	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \rangle$	-СН3	-СН3	0
20	107	HC <sub>3</sub>	$\Diamond$	-СН3	-СН3	0
25 30	108	S_	$\Diamond$	н	н	0
35	109	\sum_s	$\Diamond$	-СН3	-СН3	0
40	110		$\Diamond$	н	Н	0
<b>4</b> 5 50	111		$\Diamond$	н	-CH <sub>3</sub>	0

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5	Compound	(A)	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	n
10	112		$\Diamond$	Н	-С <sub>2</sub> н <sub>5</sub>	0
15	113		$\Diamond$	н	-С <sub>3</sub> Н <sub>7</sub>	0
25	114		$\bigcirc$	н	-CH ⟨CH₃	O
30	115		$\langle$	-СН3	-Сн3	0
35	116	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \rangle$	н	н	0
<b>4</b> 5	117	F	$\Diamond$	Н	Н	0

	Compound	A	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	_
5	No.		<u> </u>	K-	RJ	n
10	118		$\Diamond$	CH <sub>3</sub>	н	0
15	119		$\langle \rangle$	CH <sub>3</sub>	СНЗ	0
20						
25	120	CH₃	$\Diamond$	н	Н	0
30	·	F1-		·		
35	121			н	н	0
40	122	cl		н	н	0

5	Compound	A	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	n
	No.					
10	123			Н	−CH <sub>3</sub>	1
15	124		$\bigcirc$	н	СН3	1
20	125	$\Diamond$	$\Diamond$	н	-CH <sub>3</sub>	1
30	126		CH <sub>3</sub>	н	-СН3	1
35	127			<b>H</b>	-CH3	1
<b>40</b> <b>45</b>	128	s_	$\bigcirc$	н	-СН3	1

5	Compound	A	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R3	n
	No.		)			
10	129	S-	CH <sub>3</sub>	н	-СН3	1
15 20	130	S_		н	-СН3	1
25	131	CH <sub>3</sub>		н	-СН3	1
35	132	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \rangle$	Н	−СН3	1
40 45	133	CH₃ S—	$\Diamond$	Н	-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1

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5	Compound	(A)	(E)	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	n
10	134	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\Diamond$	Н	-C3H7	1
20	135	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\Diamond$	Н	-CH ⟨CH <sub>3</sub>	1
30	136	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \rangle$	н	-C4H9	1
35 40	137	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \rangle$	н	-CH2-CH CH3	1
45	138	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \rangle$	H	-CH-C2H5       CH3	1

5	Compound	Ą	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	n
	No.			•	•	
10	139	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\Diamond$	H	-C (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	1
20	140	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\Diamond$	н	$\rightarrow$	1
30	141	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\bigcirc$	н	-СН3	1
35	142	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \rangle$	н	-СН3	1
<b>4</b> 5	143	CH <sub>3</sub>		Н	-СН3	1

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5	Compound	A	B	R <sup>2</sup>	. R3	n
	No.					
10	144	s\		Н	-СН3	1
20	145	S\	$\langle \rangle$	Н	-СН3	1
25	146	s\	$\Rightarrow$	н	-СН3	1
30	147	CH <sub>3</sub>		н	-СН3	1
40	148	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \rangle$	Н	−СН3	1

5	Compound No.	A	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	n
10 .	149	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \ \rangle$	Н	-СН3	1
20	150	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\Diamond$	Н .	-СН3	1
25 30	151	N	$\langle \rangle$	н	-СН3	1
35	152		$\Diamond$	н	-СН3	1
40	153			н	-СН3	1

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5	Compound	A	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	n
10	154		$\bigcirc$	н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
15	155		$\bigcirc$	н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOCH <sub>3</sub>	1
25	156	$\langle \rangle$		н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
30	157		$\bigcirc$	Н	-СН-СООСН <sub>3</sub>   СН <sub>3</sub>	.1
35	158		$\langle \ \rangle$	н	-CH-COOCH <sub>3</sub> CH CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	1
45	159			н	-CH-COOC₂H5   CH CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	1

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	Compound	A	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	n
5	No.				_	
10	160		$\Diamond$	Н	-CH-COOCH <sub>3</sub>   CH <sub>3</sub>	1
15 20	161		$\langle \rangle$	Н	-CH-COOCH <sub>3</sub>   C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
25	162	F	$\langle \ \rangle$	н	-CH-COOC2H5   CH3	1
<i>30</i>	163	ы— <b>—</b>	$\langle \rangle$	н	-CH-COOC₂H₅   CH₃	1
40	164	CR	$\bigcirc$	н	-CH-COOC₂H <sub>5</sub>     CH <sub>3</sub>	1

5	Compound	A	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup> ·	n
10	165			н	-CH-COOCH <sub>3</sub>   CH CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	1
20	166	Fi	$\Diamond$	н.	-CH-COOC2H5   CH3	1
25	167		$\langle \rangle$	Н	-СН-СООН   СН₃	1
35	168		$\bigcirc$	н	-CH-COOC₂H5   CH₃	1
40	169		$\bigcirc$	н	-CH-COOCH <sub>3</sub>     CH   CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	1

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10	Compound No.	A	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R3	n
15	170	CH <sub>3</sub> —	$\bigcirc$	н	-CH-COOC₂H₅       CH₃	1
20	171	s	$\bigcirc$	Н	-СН-СООН   СН <sub>3</sub>	1
25	172	√ <sub>s</sub> ∕	$\bigcirc$	н	-CH-COOC₂H5   CH3	1
30 35	173	l <sub>s</sub> /	$\Diamond$	н	-Сн-соон   Сн <sub>3</sub>	1
40	174	(s/	$\Diamond$	н	-СН-СООС2Н5   СН3	1
45	175	CH <sub>3</sub> —	$\supset$	Н	-СН-СООС2Н5   СН3	1

5	Compound	A		Ŕ <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	n
10	176		CH <sub>3</sub>	н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
15	177			н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
25	178	S_	$\bigcirc$	н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
30	179	S_	CH <sub>3</sub>	Н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
35	180	S_		н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
45	181	CH <sub>3</sub>		н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1

5	Compound	A	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R3	n
	No.					
10	182	CH <sub>3</sub>		н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
15	102	`s_				
20	183	CH₃ S—	CH <sub>3</sub>	Н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
30	184	CH <sub>3</sub>		н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
<b>35</b>	185	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\bigcirc$	H	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
<b>4</b> 5	186	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\bigcirc$	н .	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1

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5	Compound	A	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R3	n
10	187	CH <sub>3</sub>		н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
20	188	s\	$\bigcirc$	н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
25	189	s\	$\langle \rangle$	Н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
30	190	S	$\Rightarrow$	н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
40	191	CH <sub>3</sub>		н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1

5	Compound	A	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	n
10	192	СH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \rangle$	н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
20	193	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \ \rangle$	н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
25 30	194	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \rangle$	Н .	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
35	195	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\Rightarrow$	н.	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
45	196		$\Diamond$	н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1

5	Compound No.	A		R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	n
	No.					
10	197	N	$\bigcirc$	н	-CH <sub>2</sub> -COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1
15					0	
20	198				-N NH	1
25						
30	199				-N NH	1
35						
40 45	200			1	H <sub>3</sub> CH O	1

5	Compound No.	A	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	n
		<u> </u>				
10					O	
15	201		CH <sub>3</sub>		-N NH	1
20					0	
25	202				-N NH	1
				•	0	
30					-N NH	
35	203	s_				1
					0	
40	204	S_	CH <sub>3</sub>		-N NH	1
45 L						- 1

5	Compound No.	A	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	n
10	205	s_		·	-N	1
20	206	S_	<b>\</b>		-N NH	1
30	207	CH <sub>3</sub>			-N	1
<b>40</b>	208	CH <sub>3</sub>			-N NH	1

	Compound				2	
5	No.	A		R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	n
10	209	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\Diamond$		-N NH	1
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20	210	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\Diamond$	CH CI	-N NH	1
30 35	211	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>		-N	1
40	212	CH <sub>3</sub>			-N	1

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5	Compound	A	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	n
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10	213	CH <sub>3</sub>			-N	1
2				<u> </u>		
20	214	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>		-N	1
30	215	CH <sub>3</sub>			-N	1
35 40	216	s			-N O	1

5	Compound No.	A	B	R <sup>2</sup> ·	R <sup>3</sup>	n
10· 15	217	s\		·	-N	1
20	218	O −			-N	1
25 30 35	219	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\Diamond$		-N NH	1
40	220	CH <sub>3</sub>			-N	1

5	Compound	A	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	n
10		CH₃	$\sim$			
15	221	CH3-0-			_N	1
20			_		-N NH	·
25	222					1
30					-n NH	
35	223			C	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O	1
40		ш—			-'n WH	
45	224					1

5	Compound	A		R <sup>2</sup>	R3	n
10	225	cl	$\bigcirc$		-N NH	1
20 25	226				-N NH	1
30			•		-N NH	
35	227					1
45	228	√ <sub>s</sub> ∕	$\bigcirc$	CF:	-N NH	1

5	Compound	A	B	R <sup>2</sup>	R3	n
10		/	\		-N NH	
15	229			CH CF		1
20				•	) 	
25	230	CH <sub>3</sub>	$\langle \ \rangle$	•	O	1
30	-	•			o <u>↓</u>	
35	231	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>		-N NH	1
40					o 	
45	232	√ <sub>s</sub> ∕	$\bigcirc$		-N NH	1

5	Compound	A		R <sup>2</sup>	R3	n
10	233	СН₃—	$\Diamond$		-N NH	1
20 25	234		$\langle \rangle$		-N NH	1
30 35	235	CH <sub>3</sub> —	$\Rightarrow$		-N NH	1

Test Example 1:

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Na dependent high-affinity choline uptake ability (HACU) of the brain of a rat treated with AF64A

AF64A was prepared from AF64 in accordance with the method of Fischer et al. (J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther., 222, 140(1982)). AF64A (1.5 nmol/1.5μl/side) was injected into both the lateral ventricles of a rat. One week after, the rat was decapitated and only the hippocampus was taken out. The hippocampus was homogenized with 0.32M of sucrose and centrifuged at 1000g for 10 minutes. The supernatant thereof was further centrifuged at 20000g for 20 minutes to obtain a crude synapse fraction. The crude synapse fraction was added with a compound of the present invention and incubated at 37 °C for 30 minutes. After adding [³H]choline (1 μM), the mixture was further incubated at 37 °C for 10 minutes. Another crude synapse fraction was incubated at 37 °C for 10 minutes and used as the control. The reaction was discontinued by filtering the mixture with suction on a Whatman GF/B filter. The radioactivity on the filter was measured by a liquid scintillation counter and the measured value was regarded as the amount of HACU. The amount of protein was determined in accordance with the method of Bradford (Anal. Biochem., 72, 248(1976)). The

results are shown in Table 11.

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## Table 11

Improvement (% base on control) [\* P < 0.05] [\*\* P < 0.01]

10	Example No.	10 <sup>-8</sup> M	10 <sup>-7</sup> M	10 <sup>-6</sup> M	10 <sup>-5</sup> M	10 <sup>-4</sup> M
15	1	7	11	8	2	2
	2	6	10	7	8	11
20	3	-1	13 ·	7	23**	7
	5	20**	4	18	19	_
25	6	3	10	4	10	-
	9	0	7	5	13	-
	10	11	15	26*	44**	_
30	11	11*	10	10*	10	-1
	12	14	8	17	31*	_
35	15	3	5	7	11	-4
	16	9	2	9	4	_
40	17	7	-1	-2	3	20
	19	4	10	14	6	13
	21	11*	9	11	19*	4
45	22	0	1	-3	10	6
	25	21*	19	19*	31	22**
50	26	4	-3	9	14	2
	27	5	18	5	18	-11
	30	8	17	13	28*	-

	Example No.	10 <sup>-8</sup> M	10 <sup>-7</sup> M	10 <sup>-6</sup> M	10 <sup>-5</sup> M	10 <sup>-4</sup> M
5	34	10*	13*	-3	14	-
	35	11**	17*	20**	21**	-16
10	36	18	15	3	19*	~
	39	9	-7	13	16	2
15	41	8	8	19*	25**	-4
	42	1	18	17	9	-13
20	45	0	2	6	14	-
	52	6	13	11	10	7
	54	5	18**	15*	14*	<del>-</del>
25	55	20**	25*	26*	36*	-30
	58	4	5	. 7	25	15
30	59	5	16*	22*	30*	-
	61	14	3	21*	25	23
;	63	10	13*	19	31*	-

#### Claims

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1. A 4-acylaminopyridine derivative represented by the following formula (I):

$$O = C - R^{1}$$

$$NH$$

$$B$$

$$(I)$$

wherein R¹ represents a C2-C6 alkyl group or a group represented by the following formula (II):

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wherein each of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  independently represents a hydrogen atom,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl group,  $C_3$ - $C_6$  cycloalkyl group or

wherein each of R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group, or R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which both R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are attached represent

wherein R<sup>6</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group, and n represents 0 or an integer from 1 to 3;

A represents 
$$\bigcirc$$
 ,  $\bigcirc$  ,  $\mathbb{R}^7$ 

wherein R7 represents a hydrogen atom, C1-C6 alkyl group or halogen atom,

wherein each of R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom or C₁-C₄ alkyl group,

$$\mathbb{S}$$
 ,  $\mathbb{R}^{10}$ 

wherein each of R10 and R11 independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C1-C4 alkyl group,

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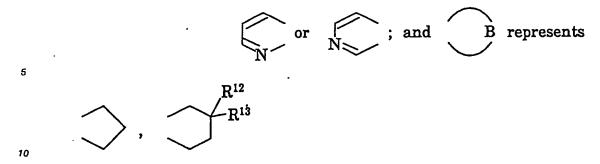
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wherein each of R¹² and R¹³ independently represents a hydrogen atom or C₁-C₄ alkyl group or R¹² and R¹³ may be combined together to form a C₂-C₆ alkylene group,

with the proviso that when R<sup>1</sup> is a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group or a group represented by the formula (II) wherein one of R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> is a hydrogen atom or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group and the other of R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> is a hydrogen atom or -CH<sub>2</sub>COOR<sup>5</sup> wherein R<sup>5</sup> is the same as defined above, or R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which both R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are attached represent

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N $\bigcirc$ 

35 and n is 1 or 2,

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$$A$$
 is not  $R^7$ 

wherein R7 is the same as defined above, or is not

wherein R9 is the same as defined above, and

$$\bigcup_{B \text{ is not}} \mathbb{R}^{12}$$

wherein  $R^{12}$  represents a hydrogen atom or  $C_1\hbox{-} C_4$  alkyl group or is not



and a pharmaceutically acceptable acid-added salt thereof.

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2. The 4-acylaminopyridine derivative according to claim 1, wherein R¹ represents a C₂-C₅ alkyl group or a group represented by the following formula (II):

$$\frac{-(CH_2)_{\overline{n}}}{N} \times \frac{\mathbb{R}^2}{\mathbb{R}^3} \tag{II}$$

wherein R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group, R<sup>3</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl group

wherein  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are the same as defined in claim 1, or  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  together with the nitrogen atom to which both  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are attached represent

$$-N \longrightarrow 0$$
or
$$-N \longrightarrow NH$$

$$R^{6} \longrightarrow 0$$

wherein R<sup>6</sup> is the same as defined in claim 1, and n represents 0 or an integer from 1 to 3;

$$A$$
 represents  $R^7$ 

wherein R7 is the same as defined in claim 1,

$$\mathbb{R}^{9}$$

wherein R8 and R9 are the same as defined in claim 1, or

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wherein R10 and R11 are the same as defined in claim 1; and

 $\begin{array}{c}
R^{12} \\
R^{13}
\end{array}$ 

wherein R12 and R13 are the same as defined in claim 1, or

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3. The 4-acylaminopyridine derivative according to claim 2, wherein

wherein each of R7, R8, R9, R10, R11, R12, and R13 are the same as defined above.

4. The 4-acylaminopyridine derivative according to claim 3, wherein

A represents R7

wherein R7 is the same as defined above, and

 $\begin{array}{c} R^{12} \\ R^{13} \end{array}$ 

wherein R12 and R13 are the same as defined above, or

5. The 4-acylaminopyridine derivative according to claim 3, wherein

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$$A$$
 represents  $R^{9}$ 

wherein R8 and R9 are the same as defined above,

and  $\stackrel{R^{12}}{ }$ 

wherein R12 and R13 are the same as defined above.

6. The 4-acylaminopyridine derivative according to claim 3, wherein

A represents 
$$R^{11}$$

wherein R12 and R13 are the same as defined above.

- 7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising pharmaceutically effective amount of the 4-acylaminopyridine derivative according to claim 1 or the pharmaceutically acceptable acid-added salt according to claim 1, and a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant.
- 8. A process for producing a 4-acylaminopyridine derivative represented by the following formula (V):

wherein R<sup>14</sup> represents a C₁-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group or C₃-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl group;

A represents 
$$\bigcirc$$
 ,  $\bigcirc$  ,  $\mathbb{R}^7$ 

wherein R7 represents a hydrogen atom, C1-C6 alkyl group or halogen atom,

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wherein each of R8 and R9 independently represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C4 alkyl group,

 $\mathbb{R}^{10}$  ,  $\mathbb{R}^{11}$ 

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wherein each of R10 and R11 independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C1-C4 alkyl group,

or  $\stackrel{}{N}$  ; and  $\stackrel{}{B}$  represents  $\stackrel{}{R^{12}}$  ,  $\stackrel{}{R^{13}}$ 

wherein each of  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  independently represents a hydrogen atom or  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl group or  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  may be combined together to form a  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkylene group,

with the proviso that when R14 is a C1-C6 alkyl group,

45 A is not  $\mathbb{R}^7$ 

wherein R7 is the same as defined above, or is not

R<sup>9</sup>

wherein R9 is the same as defined above, and

wherein R12 represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C4 alkyl group or is not

which comprises reacting a compound represented by the following formula (III):

wherein

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are the same as defined above,

with a diisocyanate compound represented by the following formula (IV):

$$R^{14}-N=C=0$$
 (IV)

wherein  $R^{14}$  is the same as defined above,

in a solvent at a temperature from 0 to 120°C.

9. A process for producing a 4-acylaminopyridine derivative represented by the following formula (I1):

O=C-N
$$\begin{array}{c}
R^{2} \\
NH
\\
R^{3}
\end{array}$$
(I<sub>1</sub>)

wherein each of R² and R³ independently represents a hydrogen atom, C₁-C₅ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group or

wherein each of R4 and R5 independently represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C6 alkyl group, or R2 and R3

together with the nitrogen atom to which both R2 and R3 are attached represent

-N or

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wherein R<sup>6</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group;

$$A$$
 represents , ,  $R^7$ 

wherein R7 represents a hydrogen atom, C1-C6 alkyl group or halogen atom,

 $R^8$ 

wherein each of R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group,

$$\mathbb{S}$$
 ,  $\mathbb{R}^{10}$ 

wherein each of R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group,

or 
$$\stackrel{\textstyle \bigcirc}{N}$$
 ; and  $\stackrel{\textstyle \bigcirc}{B}$  represents  $\stackrel{\textstyle 55}{}$ 

wherein each of R12 and R13 independently represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C4 alkyl group or R12 and R13

may be combined together to form a C2-C6 alkylene group,

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with the proviso that when one of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  is a hydrogen atom or  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl group and the other of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  is a hydrogen atom or -CH<sub>2</sub>COOR<sup>5</sup> wherein  $R^5$  is the same as defined above, or  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  together with the nitrogen atom to which both  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are attached represent

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and n is 1 or 2,

wherein R<sup>7</sup> is the same as defined above, or is not

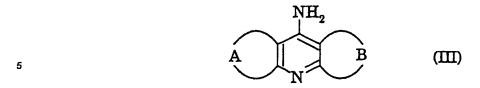
R<sup>9</sup>

wherein R9 is the same as defined above, and

wherein R12 represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C4 alkyl group or is not

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which comprises reacting a compound represented by the formula (III):



wherein

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are the same as defined above,

with excess of trichloroacetyl chloride at a temperature of 80 to 115°C to obtain a compound represented by the following formula (VI):

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$$O = C - CCl_3$$

$$NH$$

$$A$$

$$B$$

$$(VI)$$

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and reacting the compound represented by the formula (VI) with an amine represented by the following formula (VII):

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wherein R2 and R3 are the same as defined above,

- in a solvent at a temperature of 0 to 100°C, or with an acetate of the amine represented by the formula (VII) in a solvent at a temperature of 50 to 160°C.
  - 10. A process for producing a 4-acylaminopyridine derivative represented by the following formula (I1):

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$$O = C - N - R^{2}$$

$$NH$$

$$R^{3}$$

$$(I_{1})$$

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wherein each of R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom, C₁-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group, C₃-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl group or

wherein each of R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group, or R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which both R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are attached represent

 $\begin{array}{ccc}
 & O \\
 & -N \\
\end{array}$ or

20 O NH

wherein R<sup>6</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group;

A represents , ,  $R^7$ 

wherein R7 represents a hydrogen atom, C1-C6 alkyl group or halogen atom,

 $R^8$   $R^9$ 

wherein each of R8 and R9 independently represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C4 alkyl group,

 $^{45}$   $^{S}$  ,  $^{R^{10}}$ 

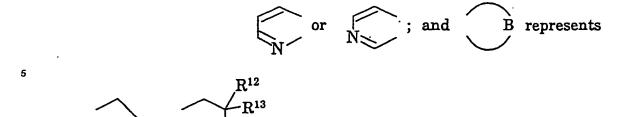
wherein each of R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group.

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wherein each of R12 and R13 independently represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C4 alkyl group or R12 and R13 may be combined together to form a C2-C6 alkylene group,

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with the proviso that when one of R2 and R3 is a hydrogen atom or C1-C6 alkyl group and the other of R2 and R3 is a hydrogen atom or -CH2COOR5 wherein R5 is the same as defined above, or R2 and R3 together with the nitrogen atom to which both R2 and R3 are attached represent

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$$-N$$

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and n is 1 or 2,

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wherein R7 is the same as defined above, or is not

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wherein R9 is the same as defined above, and

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$$\underbrace{\qquad}_{\text{B is not}}$$

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wherein R12 represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C4 alkyl group or is not



which comprises adding a phosgene compound and a tertiary amine into a solution of a compound represented by the formula (III):

10 A NH<sub>2</sub>
B (III)

5 wherein

A and B

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are the same as defined above, at a temperature of -10 to 50° C, and

adding the thus obtained solution dropwise into a solution of an amine represented by the following formula (VII):

 $_{30}$  HN $\stackrel{R^2}{\underset{R^3}{\longleftarrow}}$  (VII)

wherein  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are the same as defined above, at a temperature of -20 to 30  $^{\circ}$  C.

11. A process for producing a 4-acylaminopyridine derivative represented by the following formula (I<sub>6</sub>):

$$O = C - (CH_2)_n NH$$

$$NH R^6 O$$

$$(I_6)$$

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wherein

A represents , 
$$\mathbb{R}^7$$

wherein R7 represents a hydrogen atom, C1-C6 alkyl group or halogen atom,

wherein each of R8 and R9 independently represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C4 alkyl group,

$$\mathbb{S}$$
 ,  $\mathbb{R}^{10}$ 

wherein each of R10 and R11 independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C1-C4 alkyl group,

or 
$$\stackrel{}{\underset{N}{\bigcap}}$$
;  $\stackrel{}{\underset{B}{\bigcap}}$  represents

wherein each of  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  independently represents a hydrogen atom or  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl group or  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  may be combined together to form a  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkylene group,

R<sup>6</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group; and n represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 3, which comprises heating a compound represented by the following formula (VIII):

$$O = C - (CH_2)_n - NH - CH - CO_2R^{20}$$

$$NH - R^6$$

$$R^6$$

$$(XIV)$$

wherein

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and  $R^6$  are the same as defined above and  $R^{20}$  represents a  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl group, together with 1 to 10 equivalents of urea at a temperature of 120 to 190 $^{\circ}$  C in the presence or absence of a solvent.

12. A process for producing a 4-acylaminopyridine derivative represented by the following formula (I<sub>2</sub>):

$$O = C - R^{15}$$

$$NH$$

$$R$$

$$NH$$

$$B$$

$$(I_2)$$

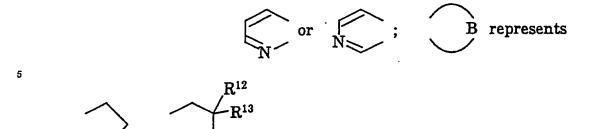
wherein

A represents 
$$\bigcirc$$
,  $\bigcirc$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^7$ 

wherein R7 represents a hydrogen atom, C1-C6 alkyl group or halogen atom,

wherein each of R8 and R9 independently represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C4 alkyl group,

wherein each of R10 and R11 independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C1-C4 alkyl group,



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wherein each of  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  independently represents a hydrogen atom or  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl group or  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  may be combined together to form a  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkylene group,

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or

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and R15 represents a C2-C6 alkyl group; with the proviso that

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$$A$$
 is not  $R^7$ 

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wherein R7 is the same as defined above, or is not

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wherein R9 is the same as defined above, and

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& \text{B} & \text{is not} & \\
\end{array}$$

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wherein R12 represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C4 alkyl group or is not

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$$\bigcirc$$
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which comprises reacting a compound represented by the following formula (III):

wherein

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A and B

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have the same meanings as defined above, with a reactive derivative of a compound represented by the following formula (VIII):

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wherein R15 is the same as defined above,

in the presence of an inert solvent or using the reactive derivative of the compound represented by the formula (VIII) as the solvent in a temperature in the range of 30 to 150°C.

13. A process for producing a 4-acylaminopyridine derivative represented by the following formula (I<sub>3</sub>):

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$$O = C - R^{16}$$

$$NH$$

$$A - B$$

$$(I_3)$$

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wherein R16 represents

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$$\begin{array}{c}
O \\
N + CH_2 \\
\end{array}$$

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(wherein \(\ell\) represents an integer from 1 to 3);

# A represents $\bigcirc$ , $\bigcirc$ , $\mathbb{R}^7$

wherein R7 represents a hydrogen atom, C1-C6 alkyl group or halogen atom,

$$\mathbb{R}^9$$

wherein each of R8 and R9 independently represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C4 alkyl group,

$$\mathbb{S}$$
 ,  $\mathbb{R}^{10}$ 

wherein each of R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group,

or 
$$\stackrel{\textstyle \bigcirc}{N}$$
;  $\stackrel{\textstyle \bigcirc}{\mathbb{B}}$  represents  $\stackrel{\textstyle \mathbb{R}^{12}}{\mathbb{R}^{13}}$ 

wherein each of  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  independently represents a hydrogen atom or  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl group or  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  may be combined together to form a  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkylene group,

50 with the proviso that when

 $\iota$  is 1 or 2,

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$$A$$
 is not  $R^7$ 

wherein R7 is the same as defined above, or is not

10 R9—S

wherein R9 is the same as defined above, and

wherein R12 represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C4 alkyl group or is not

which comprises processing a compound represented by the following formula (III):

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are the same as defined above,

with an equimolar amount or more of sodium hydride to prepare a sodium salt of the compound represented by the formula (III), and reacting the sodium salt with an ester compound represented by the following formula (IX):

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R^{16} & C & C & R^{17} \\
\parallel & & & \\
O & & & \\
\end{array} \tag{IX}$$

wherein R16 has the same meanings as defined above, and R17 represents a methyl group or an ethyl

group,

in a solvent at a temperature in the range of 10 to 80°C.

14. A process for producing a 4-acylaminopyridine derivative represented by the following formula (I<sub>4</sub>):

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$$O = C - (CH_2)_{L} - NHR^{18}$$

$$NH$$

$$A \qquad B$$

$$N$$

$$(I_4)$$

15 wherein

#### ι represents

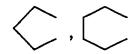
20 1, 2 or 3; R18 represents a C1-C6 alkyl group or

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wherein each of R4 and R5 independently represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C6 alkyl group;

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represents



R7

wherein R7 represents a hydrogen atom, C1-C6 alkyl group or halogen atom,

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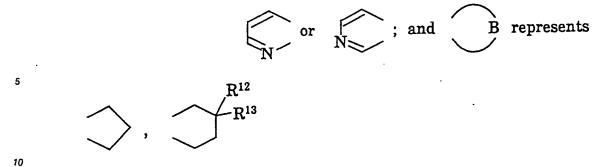
wherein each of R8 and R9 independently represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C4 alkyl group,

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$$\mathbb{S}$$
 ,  $\mathbb{R}^{11}$ 

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wherein each of R10 and R11 independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C1-C4 alkyl group,



wherein each of  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  independently represents a hydrogen atom or  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl group or  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  may be combined together to form a  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkylene group,

with the proviso that when R<sup>18</sup> represents a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group or -CH<sub>2</sub>COOR<sup>5</sup> wherein R<sup>5</sup> is the same as defined above,

$$A$$
 is not  $R^7$ 

wherein R7 is the same as defined above, or is not

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wherein R9 is the same as defined above, and

$$B$$
 is not  $\mathbb{R}^{12}$ 

wherein R12 represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C4 alkyl group or is not

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which comprises reacting a compound represented by the formula (III):

wherein

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A and E

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are the same as defined above, with an acyl halide compound represented by the formula (X):

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$$X - (CH_2)_{\iota} - CO - X$$
 (X)

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wherein

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the same meanings as defined above, and X represents a chlorine atom or a bromine atom, in an inert solvent or using an an excessive amount of the acyl halide as the solvent in a temperature in the range of 50 to 150 °C to obtain a compound represented by the formula (XI):

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$$\begin{array}{c|c}
X \\
(CH_2)_{\iota} \\
C = O \\
NH \\
N
\end{array}$$
(XI)

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wherein

A, B

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## $\iota$ and X

have the same meanings as defined above, and reacting the compound of the formula (XI) with a compound of the formula (XII): H<sub>2</sub>N-R<sup>18</sup> (XII) wherein R<sup>18</sup> has the same meanings as defined above,

in a solvent or using an excessive amount of the compound of the formula (XII) as the solvent at a temperature in the range of 0 to 150°C.

15. A process for producing a 4-acylaminopyridine derivative represented by the following formula (Is):

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$$O = C - (CH_2)_{\iota} - R^{19}$$

$$NH$$

$$A \qquad (I_5)$$

wherein

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1, 2 or 3; R<sup>19</sup> represents

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wherein R7 represents a hydrogen atom, C1-C6 alkyl group or halogen atom,

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wherein each of R8 and R9 independently represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C4 alkyl group,

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wherein each of R10 and R11 independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C1-C4 alkyl group.

or 
$$R^{12}$$
; and  $R^{13}$ 

wherein each of  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  independently represents a hydrogen atom or  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl group or  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  may be combined together to form a  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkylene group,

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with the proviso that when

$$\iota$$
 is 1 or 2,

$$A$$
 is not  $R^7$ 

wherein R7 is the same as defined above, or is not

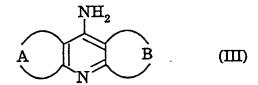
wherein R9 is the same as defined above, and

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B is not 
$$\mathbb{R}^{12}$$

wherein R12 represents a hydrogen atom or C1-C4 alkyl group or is not

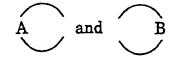
which comprises reacting a compound represented by the formula (III):



wherein

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are the same as defined above, with an acyl halide compound represented by the formula (X):

$$X - (CH_2)_{\iota} - CO - X$$
 (X)

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wherein

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the same meanings as defined above, and X represents a chlorine atom or a bromine atom, in an inert solvent or using an an excessive amount of the acyl halide as the solvent in a temperature in the range of 50 to 150 °C to obtain a compound represented by the formula (XI):

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$$\begin{array}{c|c}
X \\
(CH_2)_t \\
C=0 \\
NH \\
N
\end{array}$$
(XI)

wherein

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$$A$$
,  $B$ 

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## ι and X

have the same meanings as defined above,

and reacting the compound of the formula (XI) with a an alkali metal salt obtained by treating a compound of the formula (XIII):

H-R<sup>19</sup> (XIII)

wherein R<sup>19</sup> has the same meanings as defined above,

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with an alkali metal hydride, in a solvent at a temperature in the range of 0 to 120° C.